for enhancing milk production and productivity. ICAR has evolved superior germplasm of new high yielding strains of cattle and upgraded buffaloes, utilised non-conventional feed resources from by-products of agriculture, industry and forests. Other activities include improvement of feeding value of poor locally available feed resources, freezing technology of buffalo semen, development of cheaper and effective diagnostics and vaccines and prophylactic measures for the control of animal diseases and, development and standardization of methods for raw milk preservation and indigenous milk products technologies for mechanization. Skim milk powder, butter oil and butter are being received from European Economic Community as gift under Operation Flood Programme. Some quantity of skim milk powder and butter oil has been imported during 1987-88 under commercial quota to tide over the difficult situation arising out of unprecedented drought during the year.

(d) The total outlay on animal husbandry and dairy development during the Seventh Plan are as under:

Rs. Crores

| | Centre | States | UTs | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Animal Husbandry . . | 165.19 | 434.90 | 41.04 | 641.13 |
| 2. Dairy Development . . . . | 315.00 | 189.85 | 0.85 | 505.70 |
| TOTAL : | 480.19 | 624.76 | 41.89 | 1146.83 |

**Fall in production of several key Minerals**

3005. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production target of several key minerals has fallen in comparison to the targets fixed during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons of fall in production and what steps Government propose to take to boost the production?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) The Seventh Plan targets and the anticipated achievement in respect of production of key minerals/non-ferrous metals as indicated in the Mid Term Appraisal of the Seventh Plan are as follows:

| Mineral/Metal | Unit | Target (1989-90) | Anticipated achievement (1989-90) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Iron Ore & concentrate . . . | Million tonnes | 58.1 | 58.1 |
| Aluminium . . . . . | '000 tonnes | 499 | 450 |
| Copper refined . . . . . | " | 42.7 | 39.0 |
| Zinc . . . . . | " | 89.0 | 83.0 |
| Lead . . . . . | " | 27.0 | 27.0 |

It would be seen that there may not be any significant short-fall from the plan targets.

The production of principal minerals for the period 1984 to 1987 is enclosed as statement. (See below)

It would be seen that there has been an increase in the production of bauxite, chromite, copper ore, iron ore, lead concentrate, zinc concentrate, gypsum and limestone. While the decline in production on gold and dolomite is marginal, there has been an appreciable decline in production of apatite and phosphorite and barytes which is essentially due to lack of adequate demand. Government is alive to the problems of the mining industry for meeting the domestic and export demand.

**Statement**

*The production of principal minerals during 1984 to 1987 are as under :—*

| Mineral | Unit of Quantity | 1984 | 1985 | 1986 | 1987 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Bauxite | '000 tonnes | 2093 | 2281 | 2662 | 2779 |
| 2. Chromite | " | 459 | 569 | 630 | 624 |
| 3. Copper ore | " | 3923 | 4211 | 4462 | 5139 |
| 4. Gold | Kgs. | 1989 | 1853 | 1931 | 1864 |
| 5. Iron ore | Million tonnes | 42 31 | 44.09 | 48.8 | 49.4 |
| 6. Manganese ore | '000 tonnes | 1147 | 1269 | 1284 | 127 |
| 7. Lead (conc) | " | 35 | 35 | 44 | 47 |
| 8. Zinc (conc) | " | 86 | 87 | 90 | 105 |
| 9. Apatite & Phosphorite | " | 889 | 949 | 667 | 679 |
| 10. Asbestos | " | 27 | 30 | 27 | 27 |
| 11. Barytes | " | 468 | 589 | 337 | 212 |
| 12. Dolomite | " | 2383 | 2256 | 2208 | 2178 |
| 13. Gypsum | " | 1268 | 1291 | 1640 | 1734 |
| 14. Kyanite | " | 38 | 31 | 32 | 37 |
| 15. Magnesite | " | 426 | 421 | 640 | 420 |
| 16. Limestone | Million tonnes | 45.8 | 49.0 | 53.6 | 56.7 |
| 17. Statite | '000 tonnes | 345 | 359 | 379 | 359 |

**Wastage of wheat at Calcutta Dock**

3006. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether wheat and butter-oil sent to India by a UN agency was left to rot at the Calcutta dock;

(b) whether Food Corporation of India is responsible for this loss;